

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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~~The present invention relates to a~~An apparatus and a method for processing string materials, particularly electric conductors, ~~comprising~~includes at least one first string material ~~guiding means~~guide for conveying the string material along a path of movement to a processing ~~means~~apparatus and ~~comprising~~including at least one second string material ~~guiding means~~guide located between ~~said the~~ first ~~guiding means~~guide and ~~said the~~ processing ~~means~~apparatus. The first ~~guiding means~~guide further includes at least one guiding element by which self-twisting of the string material about the longitudinal axis thereof may at least be impeded. The second string material ~~guiding means~~guide includes another guiding element which is rotationally positioned about an axis arranged at a given angle with regard to the path of movement and is driven by a ~~driving means~~apparatus. The guiding elements are rotated either continuously or intermittently.